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'The Mountain Post: An Army Power Projection Platform.'

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News Conference **Fort Carson Gains More Troops**

Fort Carson, Colo. - The Department of Defense announced today its recommendation as part of the Congressionally-authorized 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process, to relocate a stateside modular Brigade Combat Team and overseas support units to Fort Carson. The announcement also confirmed 2nd Brigade Combat Team will permanently relocate to the Mountain Post from Korea.

The BRAC process provides the Army with the ability to shape and transform its infrastructure to better meet the needs of our Soldiers as they train for war. A campaign quality and expeditionary Army positioned to provide relevant and ready combat powers to combatant commanders enhances the readiness and well-being of the Joint Team.

"This is great news for the Mountain Post and the Pikes Peak Region. The addition of another Brigade Combat Team is an important part of the Army's Transformation within the context of the current to the future force," said Fort Carson's commanding general, Maj. Gen. Robert Nixon.

This addition to the Mountain Post will benefit our Soldiers and their families as they continue to serve, making them better prepared to defend our nation. We are making detailed preparations for their arrivals in coordination with local officials."

Fort Carson leadership was notified of their status this morning, shortly after Members of Congress were notified. Installation personnel were not involved in the evaluation or selection of bases affected by BRAC, a process that was closely guarded within DoD to ensure fairness and rigor in evaluating data objectively. All information used by DoD to make its recommendations will be provided to the BRAC Commission as it deliberates the list through the summer.

The Fort Carson's Garrison Commander, Col. Michael Resty, will host a news conference at 1 p.m. today to answer questions regarding this morning's announcement. The conference will occur at the post's main gate near the Kit Carson statue.

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